Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gina Raimondo U.S. Secretary of Commerce 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20230

Ms. Deirdre Hanford Chief Executive Officer & Trustee Natcast 3130 Alpine Rd. Portola Valley, CA 94028

RE: Support for the Arizona's Proposal to Host the Co-Located NSTC Prototyping and NAPMP Advanced Packaging Piloting Facility

Dear Secretary Raimondo and Ms. Hanford:

We write today in support of Arizona's proposal to host the co-located NSTC Prototyping and NAPMP Advanced Packaging Piloting Facility.

Arizona has emerged as a leader in advanced chip manufacturing and advanced packaging technologies, making it the ideal location to host the co-located NSTC Prototyping and NAPMP Advanced Packaging Piloting Facility (the facility). With more than 70 years of industry experience and one of the nation's fastest growing workforces, Arizona has attracted projects across the semiconductor value chain, from leading edge manufacturing to materials suppliers and advanced packaging facilities, representing the end-to-end industry growth that's crucial for supply chain resiliency.

Arizona's recent growth builds on a well-established reputation for advanced packaging leadership. With leaders like Intel, TSMC, and Amkor Technology, Arizona is North America's premier destination for high-volume, advanced node manufacturing. The state hosts the site of the only US-headquartered OSAT service provider and the largest outsourced advanced packaging facility in the United State. These producers are supported by a robust research environment that includes ASU's MacroTechnology Works and Intel's Assembly and Test Technology Development Centers – two leading advanced packaging centers of innovation.

Arizona is essential to North America's advanced packaging ecosystem. Co-locating NSTC Prototyping and NAPMP Advanced Packaging Piloting Facility in Arizona will accelerate and maximize future growth, leading to the sustainable, long-term innovation cluster envisioned by the CHIPS Act.

In accordance with all existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines, we respectfully ask that you give this proposal full and fair consideration as you make this important site selection decision.

Sincerely,

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